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1. HERewith TEXT OF BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN (HEARST)
EDITORIAL, MAY 17, ENTITLED "DANGEROUS DIPLOMACY".
BEGIN TEXT:

2. ISRAEL'S LEADERS, NOT SURPRISINGLY, HAVE REACTED WITH
CONSIDERABLE APPREHENSION TO A DECLARATION BY SECRETARY OF
STATE CYRUS VANCE THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO
ANNOUNCE ITS OWN BLUEPRINT FOR AN ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE
SETTLEMENT IN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO.

3. ACTING ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER SHIMON PERES, A TOP CON-
TENDER FOR CERTIFICATION IN THE MAY 17 ELECTIONS, EXPRESSED
A TYPICAL ATTITUDE. HE SAID HIS COUNTRY WOULD WELCOME
UNITED STATES "SUGGESTIONS" FOR A PEACE FORMULA BUT WOULD
NOT LET ITSELF BE THREATENED OR PUNISHED FOR REFUSING TO
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GO ALONG WITH ANY PRE-SET SOLUTION.

4. EVEN MORE BLUNT WAS SIMCHA DINITZ, ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR
IN WASHINGTON, WHO STATED FLATLY THAT MR. VANCE'S PROMISE
OF A U.S. PEACE PLAN CONTAINED "ELEMENTS OF AN IMPOSITION."
THIS, HE SAID, SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY OF PRESSURES ON
ISRAEL WHICH COULD NOT BE APPLIED TO THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

5. THE JITTERS CREATED BY THE VANCE STATEMENT ARE SHARED BY MANY VETERAN DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS BOTH HERE AND ABROAD. THEY FEAR THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, IN DEPARTING FROM PREVIOUS POLICY AND ADVANCING ITS OWN CONCEPT OF A JUST MID-EAST PEACE, MAY BE JEOPARDIZING FORMER U.S. EFFECTIVENESS IN THE AREA.

6. THAT PREVIOUS POLICY, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY OF FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, RESULTED IN THE CEASE-FIRE STILL IN EFFECT SINCE THE SO-CALLED YOM KIPPUR WAR IN 1973. AVOIDING NEW FRICTION WHILE NUDGING MATTERS TOWARD A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN AND IS THE EXTREMELY DELICATE NEXT STEP IN THIS NATION'S ROLE AS MEDIATOR.

7. LAYING TERMS FOR A SETTLEMENT WHICH MR. VANCE SAID WOULD BE "FAIR AND EQUITABLE" MAY POSSIBLY WORK. IT ALSO-- QUITE POSSIBLY INDEED -- COULD RUIN U.S. USEFULNESS AS A TRUSTED GO-BETWEEN. WE HOPE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS SURE OF WHAT IT IS PROPOSING TO DO.

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